



## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	Fire Crew Preparedness Exercise 2014-2015		
PROJECT LOCATION	Privately owned rural wildland in eastern Tehama County owned by the Paynes Creek Sportsman Club, approximately 4 miles east of Ishi Conservation Camp near the community of Paynes Creek, CA within portions of Section 34, 35 & 36 T29N-R1E-MDBM	COUNTY	Tehama
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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### Project Description

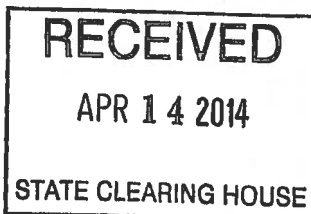
Fire Crew Preparedness Exercise 2014-2015: The purpose of the exercise is to evaluate fire preparedness for CAL FIRE hand crews. The exercise takes place during 4 days in May, allowing participating crews to rotate through various activities. The activities consist of crew inspections during tool up and fire shelter deployment, a 4-mile crew hike, and fireline construction. The fireline construction will clear approximately 18 acres of chaparral, in strips 450-feet long and 5 feet in width, distributed within a 140-acre brush field in Section 36 over the 2-year period. The fire line construction consists of cutting brush with chainsaws and axes, and scraping the ground to bare soil using hand tools. The project also includes the utilization of existing unpaved roads by crew busses. Areas used for crew unloading and inspections will be along existing roads and openings suitable for parking. The hiking area will be along a 4-mile route over hills and across dry watercourses. Trail construction will not be needed. There will be no soil disturbance or vegetation removal in the tool-up, inspection or hiking areas.

### EXEMPTION STATUS

- ☒ Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 4 §15304 (e) Minor Alterations to Land  
☐ Statutory Exemption (state code section):  
☐ Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)  
☐ Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))  
☐ Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

**Reasons Project is Exempt:** Public Resources Code, Division 13, Chapter 6, Article 19, Section 15304 (e) allows minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes. This includes temporary use of land having negligible or no permanent effects on the environment, such as vegetation and fuel management activities to reduce flammable vegetation, provided the activities do not result in the taking of endangered, rare, or threatened plant/animal species, or cause significant erosion and sedimentation of surface waters. Field review by CAL FIRE's staff members confirmed that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. CAL FIRE's findings are that no significant environmental impacts would occur as a result of this project. Documentation on the environmental review completed by CAL FIRE is kept on file at CAL FIRE's Tehama-Glenn Unit Headquarters. This project as proposed is not expected to result in a significant impact on the environment.

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Duane Shintaku, Deputy Director  
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

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